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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENT(S) :

<u>Country</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date of Publication</u>
Germany	712 70 047	Jul 14, 1971
Germany	199 35 439	Feb 15, 2001
Germany	100 00 551	Jul 05, 2001
Germany	100 17 455	Oct 18, 2001

The references listed above were cited by the German Examiner in Applicants' counterpart German patent application 102 34 389.6 (MPEP §2001.06(a)).

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English language abstracts are attached to the enclosed copies of DE 100 17 455, DE 199 35 439 and DE 100 00 551.

**U.S. PATENT(S) :**

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5,541,803	Pope, Jr., et al.	Jul 30, 1996

**OTHER FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENT(S) :**

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Japan	07 141920	Jun 02, 1995
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The references listed above were cited by the European Examiner in the Search Report (copy enclosed) of Applicants' counterpart European patent application no. EP 03 01 6367 (MPEP §2001.06(a)).

DE 100 17 455, cited by the German examiner, was also cited in the European search report.

Copies of the above-listed foreign references are enclosed, together with a completed form PTO-1449.

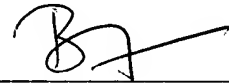
Consideration of these references by the Examiner is respectfully requested. To date, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application.

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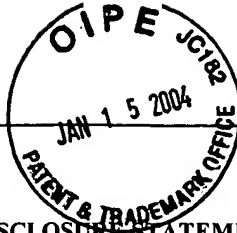
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